UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.2/50/L.27
20 November 1995

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Fiftieth session
SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 95 (c)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT II)

Philippines* and Turkey: draft resolution

United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/180 of 22 December 1992, in which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) from 3 to 14 June 1996, and to establish both a preparatory committee and an ad hoc secretariat for the Conference,

Reiterating its gratitude to the Government of Turkey for offering to act as host to the Conference, which is to be held in Istanbul,

Noting with satisfaction the progress made so f[illegible] in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements [illegible]bitat II), as outlined in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference on its second substantive session, 1/ as well as in the report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Conference, 2/

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ A/50/37.

2/ A/50/519.

Reaffirming the importance of the principles and concepts set out in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development 3/ and Agenda 21 4/ for the purpose of implementing the decisions and recommendations of Habitat II,

Recalling also its resolution 49/109, in which, inter alia, it decided that a third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee be held at United Nations Headquarters early in 1996 to complete the preparatory work for the Conference,

1. Endorses the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) on its second substantive session (Nairobi, 24 April-5 May 1995), 1/ which contains, inter alia, decision II/1 on the financing of the Conference and its preparatory activities; decision II/3 on the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee on the organization of work of the Conference, including the holding of pre-conference consultations on 1 and 2 June 1996, the establishment of committees and other procedural matters; and decision II/4 on the rules of procedure for the Conference;

2. Decides that the third session of the Preparatory Committee will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 26 February to 8 March 1996 (rather than from 5 to 16 February 1996) to finalize the provisional agenda for the Conference and to formulate the draft global plan of action to be adopted by the Conference, including a statement of principles and commitments as an integrated part of the plan of action;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary provisions, within existing resources, so that the Preparatory Committee may, if it so decides, establish two working groups to meet in addition to plenary meetings for the duration of the third session;

4. Reaffirms that the Conference should have the dimensions of a "city summit" and should be held at the highest possible level of participation, as affirmed in its resolution 49/109 of 19 December 1994;

5. Expresses its sincere appreciation to those States and organizations that have made or pledged financial or other contributions in support of the preparatory activities for the Conference, and renews its appeal to those that have not yet done so to contribute substantially to the voluntary fund, which was established by the Assembly in its resolution 47/180 for the purpose of financing preparatory activities for the Conference, in order to facilitate the full and effective participation of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, at the third session of the Preparatory Committee and at the Conference itself;

3/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.18 and corrigenda), resolution 1, annex I.

4/ Ibid., annex II.

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the role of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements and the outcome of the Conference;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session a sub-item entitled "United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)", under the item "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation".